

So Why Wisemen?

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Series: What Child is This?

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1,9-12,14 ESV

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Wisemen Remind Me of God's Love

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,”

Matthew 2:1 ESV

Three Myths About the Wisemen

1. **No Mention of the Number Present**
2. **No Names are Given**
3. **No Mention of them being Kings**

Biblical Wisemen

Joseph

“So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.”

Genesis 41:8 ESV

Moses' Opposition

*"Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts."
Exodus 7:11 ESV*

Mordecai (Esther's Uncle)

*"And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai."
Esther 8:2a ESV*

Daniel

*"O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation."
Daniel 4:9 ESV*

Wisemen Traveled from the East

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Matthew 2:1 ESV*

Wisemen Brought Gift of Worship

*"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11 ESV*

Possible Prophetic Significance of Gifts
(Isaiah 60:6; Psalm 68:20, 72:10)

Wisemen Followed a Star

*"saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."
Matthew 2:2 ESV*

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Possible Prophetic Significance of the Star
(Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 60:3)

Daniel Sealed Prophecies

*"So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."
Daniel 8:17 ESV*

*"I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end."
Daniel 12:8-9 ESV*

So Why The Wisemen?

- 1. Recognition of Messiah**
- 2. Revelation of God's Sovereign Working**
- 3. Reminder of God's Love for All People**

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John 1:9-12 ESV*